Minister of Andhra Pradesh accordingly.

Separate courts for industrial disputes

2038. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to establish separate courts to exclusively try cases relating to industrial disputes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Some proposals including the proposal for the setting up of Industrial Relations Commissions/High Powered Tribunals, both at the Centre and in the States and the Labour Courts were considered by the Standing Labour Committee at its meeting held on 22nd and 23rd September, 1986. The functions of the Commissions/Tribunals include adjudication of industrial disputes and hearing of appeals against the final orders of the Labour Courts.

There was wide ranging exchange of views from the members of the Committee, representing workers, employers and the Government. It was recognised that the existing disputes settlement mechanisms and structures need substantial change and the Government may keep in mind the various view-points expressed in the Committee while formulating its final proposals in this regard. Government has not taken a decision in the matter.

Loan scandal in the Central Bank of India

2039. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 21st October, 1986 CBI conducted raids at different places in Katihar, Araria and Calcutta in connection with a loan scandal concerning the Central Bank of India and seized incriminating documents and bank accounts belonging to a senior official of the Bank posted at Bank's Katihar branch;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Bank against the official responsible for disbursing loan in the names of non-existent firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) CBI has reported that on 21st October, 1986, CBI conducted searches at Katihar and Calcutta in connection with RC 24/86 in which the previous Branch Manager of Mahadevpur branch, Purnea is involved. According to CBI, during the searches incriminating documents were seized and other valuable articles were also discovered. Central Bank of India has reported that the Officer concerned has been transferred to an innocuous post pending completion of investigation by CBI.

Excise duty paid by to top companies

2040. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of excise duty paid by 10 top companies during the last three years;

(b) whether Government propose to provide any incentive to those companies who have contributed highest amount towards excise duty; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.